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SUMMARY: UN DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM AND UN CAPITAL
DEVELOPMENT FUND PLEDGING CONFERENCE FOR 1975 HELD
NEW YORK NOVEMBER 5. PLEDGES ANNOUNCED OR ANTICIPATED
TO UNDP TOTAL \$401 MILLION, OR 12.5 PERCENT INCREASE
OVER 1974. PLEDGES TO UNCDF TOTAL \$3 MILLION, 50
PERCENT DECREASE FOR 1974 PLEDGES BY OPEC COUNTRIES
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REPRESENTED 75 PERCENT INCREASE OVER 1974, LARGELY

DUE 300 PERCENT INCREASE BY IRAN.

1. PLEDGING CONFERENCE FOR 1975 FOR UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM AND UN CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT FUND HELD NEW YORK NOVEMBER 5. 108 COUNTRIES PLEDGED EQUIVALENT OF \$263 MILLION TO UNDP. ADDITIONAL PLEDGES FOR 41 COUNTRIES NOT ATTENDING OR UNABLE TO ANNOUNCE PLEDGE (INCLUDING US AND JAPAN) ANTICIPATED AT NO LESS THAT \$138 MILLION FOR TOTAL OF \$401 MILLION. THIS REPRESENTES INCREASE OF \$45 MILLION (12.5 PERCENT) OVER AMOUNT PLEDGED TO DATE FOR 1974 (\$356 MILLION)

2. IN ADDITION TO ABOVE REGULAR PLEDGES TO UNDP, 6 COUNTRIES (BELGIUM, CANADA, FRG, NORWAY, SWEDEN, SWITZERLAND) PLEDGED \$10 MILLION FOR PARTICULAR BENEFIT OF LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES, AND 2 COUNTRIES (BELGIUM AND NORWAY) PLEDGED \$581,578 FOR TRUST FUND TO SUPPLEMENT UNDP ASSISTANCE TO COLONIAL COUNTRIES AND PEOPLES. LATTER AMOUNT SUPPLEMENT \$1.5 MILLION PLDEGED ANNOUNCED BY NETHERLANDS AT UNDP GOVERNING COUNCIL SESSION IN JUNE 1974 SWEDEN ANNOUNCED INTENTION TO PLEDGE TO TRUST FUND AT LATER DATE AND JAPAN TO THE LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES.

3. 27 COUNTRIES PLEDGED \$3 MILLION TO UNCDF. THIS REPRESENTS DECREASE OF \$3 MILLION (50 PERCENT) FOR \$6 MILLION PLEDGED BY 25 COUNTRIES FOR 1974. NETHERLANDS, WHICH HAD PLEDGED \$4.6 MILLION TO UNCDF IN 1974, PLEDGED ONLY \$375,000 FOR 1975. IT WAS JOINED HOWEVER, BY 2 OTHER DEVELOPED COUNTRIES: NORWAY, \$1 MILLION, AND DENMARK, \$500,000.

4. ONE COUNTRY (ENTHERLANDS) ANNOUNCED PLEDGE OF \$370,370 TO NEW UN REVOLVING FUND FOR NATURAL RESOURCES EXPLORATION. JAPAN REFERRED TO PREVIOUS CONTRIBUTION OF \$1.5 MILLION FOR ADMINIS- TRATIVE START UP OF FUND AND SAID LEVEL OF FUTURE CONTRIBUTIONS WOULD DEPEND ON RESPONSE OF OTHERS.

5. MAJOR SURPRISES OF CONFERENCE WAS ANNOUNCEMENT UNCLASSIFIED

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BY CHINA THAT IT HAD DECIDED TO "SUSPEND" ANY FURTHER CONTRIBU- TION TO UNDP IN VIEW OF PROGRAM'S FAILURE TO UTILIZE ANY OF \$4.2 MILLION IN YUAN CONTRIBUTED IN 1974 AND 1973. UNDP ADMINISTRATION ADVISED US DEL IT HAD HELD CONSULTATIONS WITH CHINA ONLY TWO WEEKS AGO ON POSSIBLE USES OF CHINESE CONTRIBUTION AND HAD NO WARNING OF INTENTION TO "SUSPEND" CONTRIBUTIONS.

6. PLEDGES OF 12 OPEC COUNTRIES INCREASED 75 PERCENT, FOR \$5.9 MILLION IN 1974 TO \$10.3 MILLION FOR 1975. MAJOR INCREASE WAS BY IRAN, FOR \$1 MILLION TO \$4 MILLION (300 PERCENT). SUBSTANTIAL INCREASES ALSO MADE BY UNITED ARAB EMIRATES (108 PERCENT TO \$500,000), NIGERIA (97 PERCENT TO \$300,000), VENEZUELA (63 PERCENT TO \$1.5 MILLION), IRAQ (45 PERCENT TO \$500,000), LIBYA (43 PERCENT TO \$500,000), AND INDONESIA (20 PERCENT TO \$360,000). KUWAIT INCREASED MERE 14 PERCENT (TO \$400,000) AND ALGERIA 10 PERCENT (TO \$430,000), WHILE NO INCREASES WERE MADE BY SAUDI ARABAI (\$1.5 MILLION), QATAR (\$200,000) OR ECUADOR (\$150,000).

7. THIRTY-SIX COUNTRIES IN ALL ANNOUNCED PLEDGES REPRESENTING INCREASE OF 15 PERCENT OR MORE ABOVE 1974 LEVELS. MOST NOTABLE AMONG MAJOR DONORS WERE NEW ZEALAND (56 PERCENT TO \$2.3 MILLION), NORWAY (34 PERCENT TO \$17.2 .MILLION) BELGIUM (21 PERCENT TO 7.0 MILLIONL, FINALND (17 PERCENT TO \$5.2 MILLION), AND DENMARK (16 PERCENT TO \$37.9 MILLION). SIGNIFICANT INCREASES WERE ALSO MADE BY SEVERAL EASTERN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES: ROMANIA (20 PERCENT TO \$482,897), HUNGARY (20 PERCENT TO \$298,157), BULGARIA (15 PERCENT TO \$151,515), AND YUGOSLAVIA (15 PERCENT TO \$1.3 MILLION). LATTER COUNTRY IS AIMING TOWARD NET CONTRIBUTOR STATES IN 1976. SPAIN AND ISRAEL REITERATED INTENTION TO PAY FOR ALL AID RECEIVED AFTER 1976. OTHER LARGE INCREASES INCLUDED LEBANON (37 PERCNE TO \$219640), AND TUNISIA (30 PERCENT TO \$270,000).

8. PER REFTEL, US ANNOUNCED IT UNABLE TO AMKE PLEDGE AT PRESENT TIME, AS CONGRESSIONAL ACTION ON FY 1975 FUNDS NOT YET COMPLETED, BUT IT ABLE TO STATE THAT PRESIDENT HAD REQUESTED CONGRESS TO PROVIDE FOR CONTRIBUTION OF \$100 MILLION.

9. SESSION CHAIRMED BY AMB. ADOLFO TAYLHARDAT, VENEZUELAN PERMENTNT
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REPRESENTATIVE TO UN. SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF SECRETARY-GENERAL, UNDER SECRETARY PHILIPPE DESEYNES STRESSED PROBLEM CONFRONTING UN OPERATIONAL PROGRAMS IN VIEW OF INCREASED PRICES, AND OPPORTUNITY FOR UN ORGANIZATIONS TO AID IN RECYCLING OF FUNDS ACCUMULATED DUE TO INCREASE IN PETROLEUM PRICES. UNDP ADMINISTRATOR RUDOLPH PETERSON IN OPENING REMARKS STATED WORLD CLIMATE TOTALLY DIFFERENT FROM LAST YEAR WHEN UNDP RECORDED RECORD 18 PERCENT GROWTH IN RESOURCES. WHILE RECOGNIZING PROBLEM OF CONFLICTING PRIORITIES AND BUDGETARY RESTRICTIONS, HE CALLED FOR JOINT COMMITMENT TO PROVIDE REAL INCREASE IN RESOURCES ESSENTIAL TO CARRY ON DEVELOPMENT PROCESS.

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